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SUBJECT: IBRD CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOR ZAIRE

1. IBRD ZAIRE DESK OFFICER SCHOTT TOLD DEPTOFFS JULY 2 THAT BANK PRESIDENT MCNAMARA HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT BANK BEGIN PREPARATION FOR RECONSTITUTION OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOR ZAIRE, FOLLOWING CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON. IF GOZ IS DILATORY IN MAKING REQUEST, MCNAMARA HAS SAID THAT BANK ITSELF MAY PROPOSE RECONSTITUTION OF CG, WITH TARGET DATE FOR FORMAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER.

2. AS YOU ARE AWARE, IBRD ZAIRE DESK HEAD WIEHEN WILL VISIT KINSHASA ABOUT JULY 12. PURPOSE OF MEETING WILL BE TO INFORM GOZ THAT BANK IS REORGANIZING ITS OPERATIONS SO AS TO CUT BACK KINSHASA STAFF AND MANAGE ITS ZAIRIAN PROGRAMS DIRECTLY FROM WASHINGTON. WIEHEN WILL EMPHASIZE THAT THIS MOVE IS PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE AND DOES NOT RPT CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT MEAN ANY CHANGE IN SIZE OR CHARACTER OF IBRD PROGRAMS

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IN ZAIRE. (THIS REORGANIZATION IS RESULT OF SEVERAL FACTORS, SOME UNHAPPINESS WITH GUETTA'S STYLE, HEADQUARTERS' VIEWS ON EFFICIENCY OF RESIDENT OFFICE, AND GOZ FAILURE TO REPLY TO BANK REQUEST FOR "AGREEMENT" OF HAITIAN NATIONAL NOMINATED TO REPLACE GUETTA.)

3. BANK IS AWARE OF DELICACY OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN VIEW ZAIRIAN SENSITIVITIES. DEPTOFF SUGGESTED THAT MCNAMARA'S LETTER TO MOBUTU EXPLAINING CHANGE COULD INCLUDE OFFER TO RECONSTITUTE CONSULTATIVE GROUP THEREBY DEMONSTRATING BANK'S INTENTIONS TO REMAIN ENGAGED IN ZAIRE. SCHOTT INDICATED INTEREST IN THIS IDEA AND WILL PROPOSE IT TO WIEHEN. HE PROMISED TO COORDINATE APPROACHES TO GOZ ON CONSULTATIVE GROUP WITH USG. KISSINGER

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